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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension in the statutory period for response to the Office Action from December 2, 2003 to January 2, 2004 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite extension fee of \$110.00, and any additional fees which may be required, to the credit card listed on the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit card for any other reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. ITWO:0009/YOD (12994).

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 2, 2003, please amend the referenced patent application as follows:

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